

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR
SEPTEMBER**

That the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.



**St Peter's
Hazel Grove**

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Mother of God
Local
Missionary
Area
in Stockport

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

PSALM 102

The Lord is compassion
and love slow to anger and
rich in mercy

SECOND READING:

Romans 14: 7-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new com-
mandment: love one an-
other, just as I have loved
you, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18: 21-35

DAILY ROSARY

If anyone would
like to volunteer to
come and lead a
daily Rosary
at 7 00 p.m.
then let Fr Peter
know

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation**
will be celebrated by
appointment and subject
to social distancing

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week IV

ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXIV

**ALL SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
ATTENDANCE POSSIBLE BY PRE BOOKING (See note on page 3)**

Each evening the Rosary will be said at 7 00 p.m, except Sunday then at 5 00 p.m.
join in on line www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 12th September

6 00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Philip's Offerton

6.00 pm Mass in Polish at St Peter's

Sunday 13th September 2020

10.00 am Peter Fox RIP

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7; Psalm 102; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

Monday 14th September 2020—Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 77; Philippians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17

Tuesday 15th September 2020 - Our Lady of Sorrows

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Hebrews 5: 7-9; Psalm 30; John 19: 25-27

Wednesday 16th September 2020—Ss. Cornelius, P,M & Cyprian,B,M

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Psalm 32; Luke 7: 31-35

This evening's Rosary at 7 00 p.m. The church will be open for people to attend if you so wish.

Thursday 17th September 2020

12 Noon Christopher Heneghan

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Psalm 117; Luke 7: 36-50

Friday 18th September 2020

12 Noon Kath Gingell RIP

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Psalm 16; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday 19th September 2020 -

11 00-11 45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon Billy Slattery

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-37,42-49; Psalm 55; Luke 8: 4-15

This Saturday Mass at 12 noon will also use the texts for Sunday

6 00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Philip's Offerton

6.00 pm Mass in Polish at St Peter's

Sunday 20th September 2020 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am Rose O'Connell

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm 144, Philippians 1: 20-24, 27; Matthew 20: 1-16

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS

DATE FOR DIARY

Friday October 2nd
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
9 00 a.m. To 9 00 p.m.

ROSARY AT 5 00 p.m



Your prayers are asked for

The sick - remembering, all the sick in the parish, in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also remember those who are housebound and are unable to come to Mass. We remember especially young people who are sick. Let us also keep in our prayers all those who have care of the sick and the dying at this time often putting their own lives at risk in the process..

Lately Dead:

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Mary Earlam, Patrick Smith, Frances Smith, William McDermott, Anne Marie McGarth, Desmond Rochford, Peggy Cummings, Henry Booth, Phyllis Watts, Joan Burgess, Pat Docherty, Vincent Carroll, Kenneth Wright, Kathleen Gingell, Barrie Clayton.

Prayer Intentions - We have a team of 'prayer warriors' who will pray for your intentions at this time, send your intentions to the parish office and they will be forwarded. You can also light a 'virtual' candle on the parish website.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish Community Gabriel Ellis Schofield and Matilda Alice Young who were baptised here last weekend. Please remember Gabriel, Matilda and their families in your prayers.

To prepare for this prayer, spend a few moments asking the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear this Word being spoken to you today:

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all the debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been added to the Parish website. **Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way. The link for each of our two parishes is shown below**

The page can also be used to set up a regular monthly donation, and you can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further. If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

For St Peters <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stpeterdioceseofshrewsbury2122>

For St Philip's use <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/StPhilipOffertonDioceseofShrewsbury2161>

Spare space! Does anyone have space in a garage or shed that could house some carpet for the refugee programme until it is needed. If you could help please contact Carmel O'Malley on 07747145326.

ATTENDING MASS AT ST PETERS

If you wish to attend Mass at St Peters for the time being on **ANY DAY** then you **MUST** ask for a place preferably by emailing admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk. or you can phone 483 3476, but e-mailing is the best.

YOU SHOULD NOW WEAR FACE COVERING WHILST YOU ARE IN CHURCH

E mail admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk if you want to come to Mass

For Mass at St Philip's on Saturday evening the same rules apply but you should contact David Smith. david.smith7220@ntlworld.com

MASSES IN ST PHILIP'S

For the time being there will only be the Saturday evening Mass in St Philip's but I will look at it again at the end of September. The main reason for this is that we are still getting around 150 people coming to Mass during the week via the web streaming and it is not possible to do this from St Philip's. There are quite a few places where the church has not yet reopened so people are still tuning into to watch our Masses.

THE PARISH CENTRE

Last week we received 'guidelines' re the opening of the parish centre. For the time being only groups that hire (i.e. pay to use) the Centre will be allowed in. So the Hazel Grove History Group are hoping to start up again at the end of September and some other similar paying groups like Slimming World will be using the Centre but not parish groups, - don't ask me why because I don't know. Hopefully things will change soon and we will be able to use it for the Alpha course and the SPY group and our other activities.

CATHOLIC PRESS

For some time now, well before 'lockdown' the take up on the Catholic papers such as the Universe and other magazines has been low or non-existent so I have decided to stop stocking any of them. If you want a copy of any of the Catholic papers then you can take out a subscription to them or ask your local newsagent to provide a copy. For the time being we shall continue to stock 'Bible Alive' but even this is now an endangered species

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 15th September at 2.00 pm, if you have not joined us before and would like to then please get in touch with Rachel and she will send you the link, or you can connect with us by phone. If you would like to talk to us please do not hesitate to contact us.

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FOOTSTEPS IS HAPPENING!

We're delighted to offer the next Footsteps event on **Thursday 24 September at 7.45pm** when **Mary Hardiman** will be opening the scriptures for us and talking about a 'God-shaped hole'. The event will take place **in church**, rather than the parish centre and places will be limited, of course. If you would like to attend, please send an Email asap to footsteps2020@mail.com stating how many from your 'household'. The event will be streamed live on www.stpeterscatholic.church/webcam so you can watch it via the internet. It will also be recorded and available the next day just further down that same page under Recordings. So there are plenty of opportunities to follow our Footsteps. You can send your comments or reactions to Mary's talk to our Email address during the talk or afterwards. We'd love to hear from you.

McMillan Coffee Mornings/Afternoons—LAMBS have for the past few years run a Coffee | Morning for McMillan after the 10.00 am Mass, as we cannot do this at the present time they are asking that you hold a Coffee Morning or Afternoon Tea in groups of 6 in your homes or gardens during the remaining weeks of September. Then if anyone of your guests hold one in their home for another 6 people it could create a chain affect and hopefully raise some money for this much needed cause. Any money raised can be left in the Church Office.

Luncheon Club unfortunately, due to Covid 19 and unexpected circumstances, the Wednesday Luncheon Club will no longer be happening. We would like to thank all those who have been involved over many years, cooking and serving lunches to the elderly.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND WANTS TO LISTEN TO MASS -HERE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS

To join our Mass via telephone please follow the below steps.

Call: **0131 460 1196**

An automated voice will say: "Welcome to Zoom. Enter your meeting ID followed by hash"

Without hanging up, dial the following number into your keypad: **848 5356 7011**

Then dial this key - #

The automated voice will ask for a Participant ID but you can just hold the line, after a few seconds you will be connected.

Your telephone will be muted, so while you can hear Mass, nobody else will be able to hear what you say.

Suggested time for ringing in is 5 minutes before Mass starts.

Please Note - Call charges may apply depending on the plan you have with your provider

4 **Offertory Gifts** Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £477 plus a donation of £50 plus around £900 per week by Standing Orders and on line giving at the moment.. Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and who have done the on line giving.. THE NEW SET OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR IN APRIL ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH. THEY ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND THEY WILL STILL BE THERE WHEN WE GET BACK TO 'NORMAL'!

DURING THE PRESENT EMERGENCY WE STILL HAVE BILLS TO PAY!! Please continue to put your offerings in an envelope and save them until we are 'back to normal' or you can post them through the presbytery door. If you wish you can send an offering by cheque payable to St Peters Hazel Grove or do a direct transfer to:

St Peters Hazel Grove at Lloyds Bank 30 15 52 54607668 or set up a Standing Order or for St Philip's go to **St Philips Offerton 30 15 52 54674660**

If your bank asks for the name of the account it is **Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocese Trustees** with the above account numbers

See also the note on page 2 about on line giving via a new website

GIFT AID DONORS— will any donors who no longer pay Income Tax please notify the Parish office to ensure the accuracy of this years claim. Date of last payment will assist. Anyone who wishes to join the scheme please contact Hughie 07977414884 or email k13rey@sky.com

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are making an offering for a Mass intention please make the cheque payable to **St Peter's Hazel Grove Stipend Account.**

Church Cleaning Team 3 is on duty this week

ST. PETER'S HELPERS

Update on St Peter's Helpers - the next stage

Thanks for your thoughts and feedback so far, from people who have been involved in St Peter's Helpers from various angles, volunteers, supported people and coordinators. If you have ideas or comments, let us know. We will be keeping an 'urgent response' in place for short term shopping / essentials, but nobody will be left without support if they need it. We are interested in ways of expanding the social / befriending system of phone calls and virtual 'zoom' social support - if you're interested in getting involved, let us know! We are looking at ways of linking with people involved with the SVP and others who help the more vulnerable members of our community.

If you have a little time to get involved with any of this, please email us stpetershelpers@gmail.com or phone the church office and leave a message.

If you would like your details removed from our St Peter's Helpers system, please let us know

Feeling anxious, stressed or low?
There's support in Stockport to help you

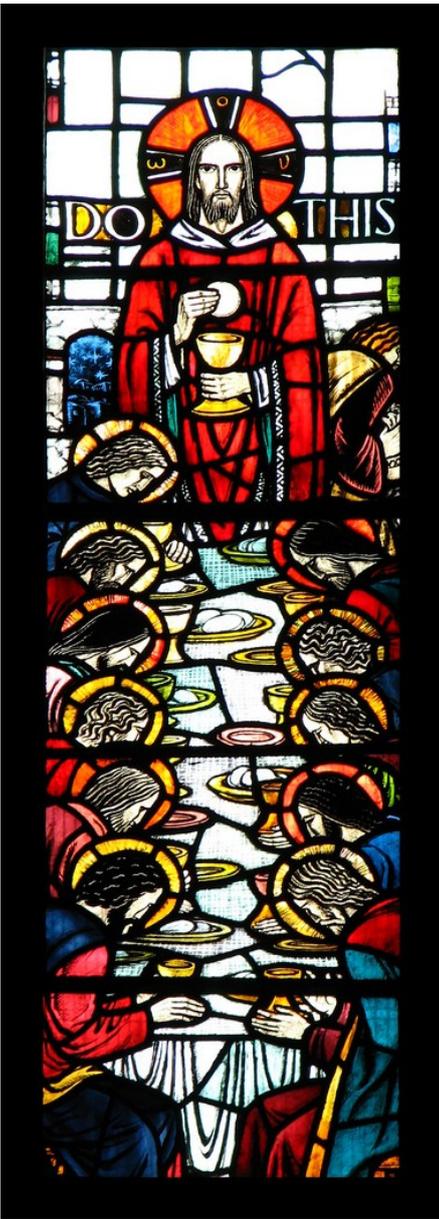
If you want to talk <ul style="list-style-type: none">Open Door 0800 138 7276 - 24 hours 7 days Mental health helpline and safe haven (18 years and over)Emotional Wellbeing Hub 0161 217 6028 For anyone up to 25 years, parents and carers weekdays till 4.30pmGreater Manchester Bereavement Service 0161 983 0902 weekdays till 5pmChildline 0800 1111 9am-10.30pm	For Urgent Help <ul style="list-style-type: none">Samaritans Phone 116 123 - 24 hours 7 daysHopeline 0800 068 4141 Suicide prevention service for young people weekdays 9am to 10pm, weekends 2pm to 10pm.Shout Text SHOUT to 85258 Chat with trained crisis volunteers by text message999 In a life-threatening emergency ring 999
Advice or help with financial difficulties, loneliness and getting food <ul style="list-style-type: none">Council Coronavirus Helpline 0161 217 6046 or by text phone on 07860 022 876 weekdays till 4.30pmThe Prevention Alliance 0161 474 1042 weekdays till 4:30pm	Help about drugs, alcohol, gambling <ul style="list-style-type: none">START team 0161 474 3141 (weekdays) Free advice and supportNational Gambling Helpline 0808 8020 133 - 24 hours 7 days

Go online
For more help and advice, self-help resources and details about other local services visit www.stockport.gov.uk/wellbeingcoronavirus

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Stay well, stay alert, keep safe, wash your hands and don't forget your mask!! Fr. Peter

A RETURN TO THE SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION



For many the pandemic, Covid 19, has put a strain on our Church going, the practice of our faith, our reception of the Sacraments and the way we live our lives. Almost from the outset, gathering in buildings was forbidden and so, for practicing church goers, the pandemic changed our behaviour, not because we wanted it changed but because it was a necessity to keep as many as possible free of the disease. No longer could we go to our church, be present at Mass, receive Jesus in Holy Communion or adore Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Many new ideas and arrangements were planned and organised to give us the opportunity to worship, reflect, pray and keep God in mind. The use of the Internet, the radio and social media made it possible for any who wished, to keep in touch with their own local church or churches throughout the world. We've mixed and matched; we've chosen and rejected; we've approved and criticised and we've become used to doing our own thing. We've worshipped and prayed in our own way assisted by these virtual services and reflections. We've attended Masses from many parts of the world or from our own parish church. We've even made virtual pilgrimages and days of Recollection or Retreats. We've had many people and communities offering ways of keeping in touch with a life of prayer and with our God. Many feel happy with this new state of affairs and seem to feel that if this was good enough for the time of 'lockdown' it can be continued into the future.

Whilst it is true that the internet has been a blessing and has helped many to pray, to worship and to feel linked to God many seem to have forgotten that we have been deprived of one of the most precious things left by Christ, the Sacraments. It is true that we can make an act of Spiritual Communion and we can make acts of contrition but neither of these can replace the Sacraments of Holy Communion or of Reconciliation.

Some will ask why. Some will reject my thoughts and tell me that I'm not keeping up with the times.

Some will say that they felt spiritually fulfilled with the internet input and see no reason to change. Some will feel that what was good enough for the 'lockdown' is good enough for the future and some others will see no reason to spend time going to a church building when they can simply open a computer. This is inevitable but sad for the Sacramental life of the church is the way to God, left to us by Jesus and the way in which we meet him personally, find his mercy, receive him and meet and share all this with our parish family.

To receive Jesus in Holy Communion, during Holy Mass, is the ultimate union with God. Jesus wanted us to know him, know him intimately and how could we be more intimate than at the time of receiving Jesus. When we receive him we hold him just as Mary held and nursed him and as Joseph cuddled him. How could we be closer to God than that and how can we think that anything could be better than that? Spiritual Communion is wonderful and is an accepted way of keeping ourselves in God's presence during the day. It is an old established devotion but it is not a Sacrament and we need the Sacraments.

The reception of Holy Communion, after months of deprivation, has been seen for many as the greatest gift they could ever receive. Once more Jesus has come into their very being, their body and their soul, in a tangible way; a way ordained by Jesus himself for he said, at the Last Supper, “Do this in memory of me.” Once more they have been able to entertain Jesus as a guest. Once more they have joined him at the Last Supper and been with him on Calvary. Once more they have shared with the disciples the supper at Emmaus and rejoiced at once more being in his presence. And, not only that but they have shared this experience with others who have been deprived and who make up the church community which was envisaged by Jesus himself when he said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.”

The other Sacrament we have been deprived of is the precious Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just because we couldn't visit the church does not mean that we have not offended God. It does not mean that we are suddenly free of all guilt. It does not mean that we have not rejected God in small or in more serious ways. It does not mean that the commandments and our Christian obligation to be like Christ have been suspended.

In fact, if we are totally honest, most of us will find plenty to regret and for which to feel remorse.

Again it is true that we can pray at any time for forgiveness; ask God to forgive us and try to amend our ways but there is nothing more beautiful than, having spoken of our waywardness to Christ, in the person of a priest, we hear the words of absolution spoken in the name of Jesus himself; spoken for Jesus himself.

The certainty of God's forgiveness is so beautiful and so consoling that nothing can compare.



The return to the normal practice of our faith, within the Church community is something we must seek and strive for within the limits set by those in authority. We must cling to our need for the Sacraments and the Mass as well as the need for our Christian community.

We can and should pray anywhere and at any time but the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and his forgiving Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation must be at the centre of our spiritual lives.

Lord, we have missed your Sacramental presence in our lives. We know that you are with us always but your gift of the Sacraments was a special one intended to give us the opportunity to be with you just as were those who walked with you in Galilee. The Eucharist joins us with you at the Last Supper and the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation puts us as close to you as the ones whose sins you forgave during your time on earth.

Grant us the gift of true faith in these blessings which you left for us in the hands of the Apostles and their successors. May we have the joy and the opportunity to receive these gifts frequently now that they are once more available. Grant us the gift of needing you Sacramentally and in the community, which makes the parish family.

SCIENCE SAYS THAT WE NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE.

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light

AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT JESUS.

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE NEED JESUS TO LIVE.

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